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15-015: Traffic Stops lead to arrests and narcotics seizures over the weekend

Bluffton Police Officers conducted multiple traffic stops over the weekend that resulted in the arrest of four subjects and the seizure of narcotics out of three vehicles.

- On Friday, June 26, 2015 at 7:53 p.m. Officers from the Neighborhood Services Unit conducted a traffic stop in the area of Simmonsville Road and Fuller Court. During the stop, officers found crack/cocaine and several items considered to be drug paraphernalia. Dease was taken into custody and was transported to the Beaufort County Detention Center. While at the Detention Center, Dease was again searched by the detention staff and found to have an additional small bag of cocaine concealed on her person.



Dease, Angela

Suspect: Angela Danielle Dease

11 Southside Park Drive, Apt. 106

Hilton Head, S.C.

DOB: 11/14/1984

Charges:

Poss. Of Drug Paraphernalia- Misdemeanor

Poss. Of Crack Cocaine- Felony

Poss. Of Cocaine

- On Friday, June 27, 2015 at 11:04 p.m. Officers from the Neighborhood Services Unit conducted a traffic stop in the area of Buck Island Road and Ball Field Road. During the stop, the operator, James Brown, was found to have a baggie of Cocaine in his possession. The remainder of the vehicle was inventoried and there were several different unidentifiable pills found inside the vehicle. These pills will be sent for analysis and additional charges are pending.



Brown, James

Suspect: James Brown

102 Muirfield Drive

Bluffton, SC 29910

DOB: 09/25/1948

Charges:

Trafficking Cocaine- Felony

Poss. Of Schedule I-V Narcotics- Misdemeanor

Simple Poss. Of Marijuana- Misdemeanor

- On Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 2:25 a.m. Patrol Officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Fording Island Road and Buckwalter Parkway for speeding. The passenger jumped out the vehicle and began running into the wooded area near Rose Hill. The driver, Jamal Roberts, stopped the vehicle and also fled towards the woods. Officers gave chase of Roberts and observed him reach into his pockets and throw out several small green baggies. Officer's caught Roberts a short time later. A search of Roberts showed that he had additional small green baggies which contained suspected Crack Cocaine on his person as well as some unidentified pills. A search of the area was conducted and several more baggies of crack cocaine were located as well as a loaded magazine belonging to a handgun. The passenger of the vehicle was not located and his identification is unknown at this time.



Jamal Akeem Roberts

469 Old Charleston Highway

Hardeeville, SC 29927

Dob: 09/05/1992

Charges:

Poss. Of Schedule I-V Narcotics (2 Counts)- Misdemeanor

Trafficking 10g or more Crack Cocaine- Felony

Fleeing to Evade- Town Ordinance

- On Sunday, June 28, 2015 at 10:44 P.M. Patrol officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Bluffton Road and Dr. Mellinchamp Drive for erratic operation. The vehicle failed to stop and fled down a dirt road in the area of Alley Oop Lane. The vehicle collided with a tree and the driver, Joseph Thomas Velez ran from the vehicle. Velz was caught a short time later by officers.



Velez, Joseph

Velez, Joseph Thomas

20 Simmonsville Road, Apt. 2211

Bluffton, SC., 29910

Dob: 02/09/1993

Charges:

Failure to Stop for Blue Lights- Misdemeanor

Driving Under Suspension- Misdemeanor

Fleeing to Evade-Town Ordinance